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TAGS: TECH, IN

SUBJ: TARAPUR: THE BUY-BACK PROGRAM

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1. WHEN I GAVE SETHNA THE PRELIMINARY DATA ON THE CASKS FOR RESHIPMENT, WHICH THE US EXPERTS HANDCARRIED HE WAS QUITE CONCERNED THAT IT WAS NOT ACCOMPANIED BY ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING PRICING. SETHNA SAID THAT IT APPEARED THAT THE IAEC WAS BEING PRESENTED WITH A "FAIT ACCOMPLI."

2. I EXPLAINED THAT SUCH WAS NOT, REPEAT NOT, THE CASE AND THAT THE BUY-BACK PROGRAM CONSISTED OF FIVE SEPARATE PROBLEMS; URGENCY, FORM OF SHIPMENT, PRICING, TRANSPORT, EXPERIMENTATION, AND DURATION (PARA 6 REFTEL). THE PRELIMINARY DATA ON CASKS REPRESENTED ONLY A PORTION OF ONE PROBLEM. I ASSURED HIM THAT I WAS SURE THAT THERE WAS NO ATTEMPT ON WASHINGTON'S PART TO TRY ANY SORT OF END RUN. SETHNA ACCEPTED THIS AND THEN SAID HIS PEOPLE WOULD RESPOND TO ERDA'S QUESTIONS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

3. SETHNA DID ASK, HOWEVER, THAT KRATZER BE INFORMED THAT HE WAS QUOTE CONCERNED THAT, THUS FAR AT LEAST, HE HAD HAD NO COMMUNICATION WHATSOEVER ON WASHINGTON'S

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THINKING CONCERNING PRICING. ANOTHER SPECIFIC CONCERN

OF SETHNA'S RELATED TO WASHINGTON'S THINKING CONCERNING
THE RECYCLING OF PLUTONIUM FOR EXPERIMENTAL PINS.

4. AS REPORTED, SETHNA LEAVES ON SEPTEMBER 12 AND WE
WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION WHICH THE DEPARTMENT
CAN PROVIDE BEFORE THEN.
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